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Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (amended) [The] A blast resistant container assembly [of claim 1] for receiving an explosive, said container assembly comprising [wherein the];

*B<sup>2</sup>*  
a. a container [comprises] comprising a plurality of bands which are oriented relative to one another when assembled to substantially enclose a volume and to form a container wall, said bands being [foldable] collapsible for storage when disassembled, at least one of said bands comprising blast resistant material; and

b. blast mitigating material located within the container.

Please amend claim 47 as follows:

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47. (amended) A blast directing container assembly for receiving an explosive, said container assembly comprising:

*B*  
a. at least one closed band of blast resistant material encircling a volume, said band having two open sides, said material comprising a network of high strength fibers, at least about 50 weight percent of said fibers comprising continuous lengths in the direction of the band; and

b. blast mitigating material located within the volume encircled by the band.

#### REMARKS

Applicants note the withdrawal of claims 12, 48-50 and 54-66 from consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 2 have been combined to form amended claim 1, while claims 1 and 10 have been combined to form amended claim 10, now an independent claim. Since the amended claims have been formed by combining claims originally on file, no new matter has been added through these amendments. Claim 47 has been amended to affirmatively set forth that the closed band of blast resistant material encircles a volume, in which the blast mitigating material is located. Support for this amendment is found in the specification and drawings as filed, specifically at page 15, lines 19-23, and in drawings 11A and 11B, and thus no new matter has been